



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 16, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.1 inches to more than 3.0 inches of rain. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 40s to the low 50s.

Crops

Most of the state continued to experience cool temperatures and scattered showers during the week. Overall crops were reported to be developing well with some pest and disease pressure increasing. Corn planting and emergence progressed, however some fields in the Lowcountry region were reported to have been flooded and will need replanted. Cotton and peanut producers made burndown applications in anticipation of planting beginning in the coming weeks. Both peaches and strawberries were reported to be progressing well with some peach varieties progressing nicely. Damage from the March freeze events has become evident for both peaches and strawberries and producers continued to note the potential damage that those events may have on other fruits and vegetables.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in relatively good condition around the state. Cool nighttime temperatures were causing warm season pastures and hayfields to be slow in breaking dormancy.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/16/23

Crop stage	Prev year	Prev week	This week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Planted	60	44	71	69
Corn - Emerged	31	18	43	38
Hay - First Cutting.....	1	NA	3	1
Peaches - Blooming.....	94	91	96	95
Tobacco - Transplanted.....	11	1	4	12
Winter wheat - Headed	37	20	48	34

(NA) Not available.

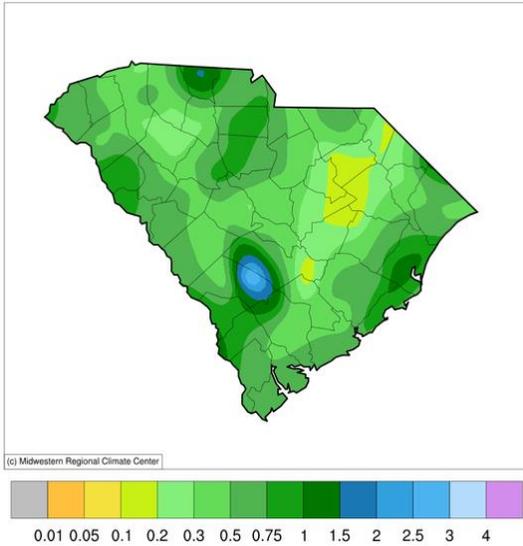
Conditions for Week Ending 04/16/23

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	1	1	14	74	10
Pasture and range	1	2	35	56	6
Peaches	0	9	41	50	0
Winter wheat.....	0	0	17	79	4

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/16/23

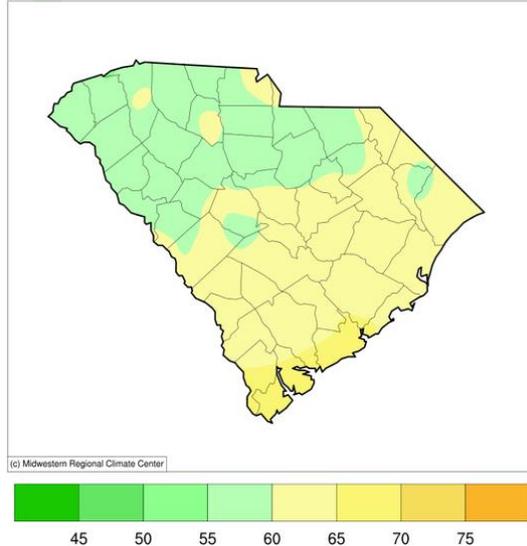
Topsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	5	0
Adequate	73	79
Surplus	22	21
Subsoil	Previous week	This week
	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0
Short.....	4	0
Adequate	82	81
Surplus	14	19

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 10, 2023 to April 16, 2023



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Average Temperature (°F)
April 10, 2023 to April 16, 2023



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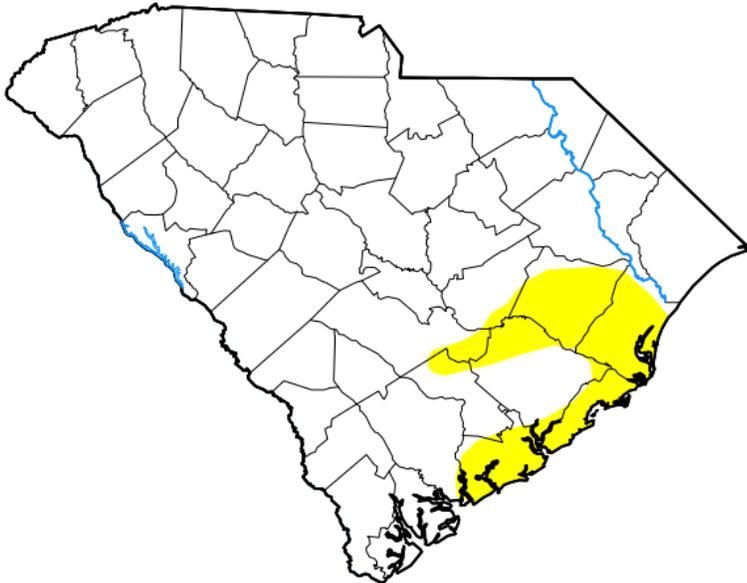
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2023.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

April 11, 2023
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	89.70	10.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 04-04-2023	74.71	25.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-10-2023	48.89	51.11	22.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 04-12-2022	57.08	42.92	24.33	0.00	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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